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1. The Gelenkwellenwerk Stadtilm (Thuringia) in October 1953 produced about 4,000 driving shafts for tanks. Shafts and sundry chassis parts are manufactured for the IFA motor vehicle works on Soviet order. Axle parts and sundry shafts are manufactured for the IFA "Aktivist" and "Pionier" tractors. They are delivered to the Schlepperwerk Nordhausen.
2. Deliveries of material are arriving regularly, but the quality of the material leaves a good deal to be desired. The steel from the Max-Hütte at Unterwellenborn could not be used for the purposes intended, because it was too rich in carbon and besides had poor tempering qualities. The Henningsdorf steel works has been delivering the greater part of this material since early October 1953. Prospects exist of obtaining deliveries of tool steel and vanadium steel from Czechoslovakia.

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